

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1190

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Assistant Captain  
Theresa Maria Lynn of the Luminary-Frostbite  
Volunteer Fire Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of service to others as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of corporal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Captain Theresa Maria Lynn of the Luminary-Frostbite Volunteer Fire Department was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of her tragic and untimely death on December 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Captain Lynn served astutely with the Luminary-Frostbite Volunteer Fire Department for six months, during which time she quickly earned the respect and admiration of her fellow firefighters and the adoration of a grateful public for her unsurpassed dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, committed to helping those in need, Assistant Captain Theresa Lynn was driving through fog and rain to the site of a motor vehicle accident in order to offer her assistance when she herself suffered a fatal automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected in her position as firefighter, Theresa Lynn's friends and fellow firefighters also knew her to be a devoted mother and daughter, who always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Captain Lynn enjoyed the loving companionship of her two sons, Ronald E. Kauffman and Joshua Kauffman; she is further survived by her parents, Chester L. and Effie Kauffman; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Lynn leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Assistant Captain Theresa Maria Lynn of the Luminary-Frostbite Volunteer Fire Department, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character as a firefighter and human being and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Assistant Captain Lynn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.